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1. IN OCTOBER 26 MEETING WITH POLCOUNSELOR (ARRANGED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF B), FONDEPT DIRECTOR FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS HASJIM DJALAL STATED THAT INDONESIANS UNDERSTOOD USG CONCERN WHICH UNDERLAY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S POST-SESSION PRESS CONFERENCE AND HIS OCTOBER 4 CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON DEEP SEABED MINING LEGISLATION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HOWEVER, HE FELT THAT USG'S PUBLIC REACTION TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN I ENGO'S TEXT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WHILE REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH WHOM HE HAD SPOKEN HAS APPLAUDED AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S PRESS STATEMENT, HIS CONTACTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD DEPLORED IT AS INDICATIVE OF A US "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT ATTITUDE". DJALAL ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS CONTACTS DID NOT CONSTITUTE A BROAD, CONFIDENTIAL

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REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS.

2. WHEN POLCOUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT PROCEDURES RESULTING IN DEEP SEABED ARTICLES COULD HARDLY GO UNCHALLENGED, DJALAL AGREED BUT SAID USG VIEWS WOULD IN HIS OPINION HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE IF THEY HAD BEEN CIRCULATED PRIVATELY AMONG THE DELEGATIONS. HE SAID BANGLADESH HAD BEEN SIMILARLY

DISMAYED BY COMMITTEE II CHAIRMAN'S SELECTION OF UK TEXT FOR ARTICLE 7 ON BASELINES, WHICH HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY OVER THIRTY DELEGATIONS AND SUPPORTED BY NONE, BUT HAD EXPRESSED ITS "ANGER" IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE. DJALAL ADDED THAT INDONESIA WAS ALSO AMAZED TO SEE THAT ARTICLES 53 AND 54 ON ARCHIPELAGOS CONTAINED LANGUAGE WHICH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES CONCERNED HAD AGREED WOULD BE DROPPED OR CHANGED (HE POINTED TO RETENTION OF WORD "SAFE" IN ARTICLE 53 AND MUTATIS MUTANDIS FORMULA IN ARTICLE 54), BUT GOI HAD NOT OBJECTED PUBLICLY, POLCOUNSELOR SUGGESTED THAT NEITHER OF THESE CASES JEOPARDIZED AGREEMENT IN MANNER COMMITTEE I CHANGES HAD AND EXPLAINED US POLITICAL REQUIREMENT FOR OPENNESS ON MATTERS OF THIS IMPORTANCE.

3. DJALAL VOLUNTEERED THAT INDONESIAN PERMREP SANI DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE MOCHTAR KUSUMAATAADJA ON ANOTHER SUBJECT HAD SUMMARIZED SANI'S OCTOBER 21 TALK WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON (REF B). MOCHTAR HAD SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATED TO DJALAL THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO GO TO GENEVA AND THAT GOI WOULD INSTEAD BE REPRESENTED IN NOVEMBER 14 EVENSEN DISCUSSIONS BY VICE CHAIRMAN OF INDONESIAN LOS DELEGATION AND AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA ABDUL KAMIL. (IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, MOCHTAR EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO CANCEL DINNER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN HONOLULU.)

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4. CHARGE HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE MOCHTAR ON OCTOBER 28 AFTER LATTER'S RETURN FROM SEMINAR IN KALIMANTAN AND WILL STRESS IMPORTANCE AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON PLACES ON MOCHTAR'S PRESENCE IN GENEVA IN ACCORDANCE REF B.
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